User Guide

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Carpet washer
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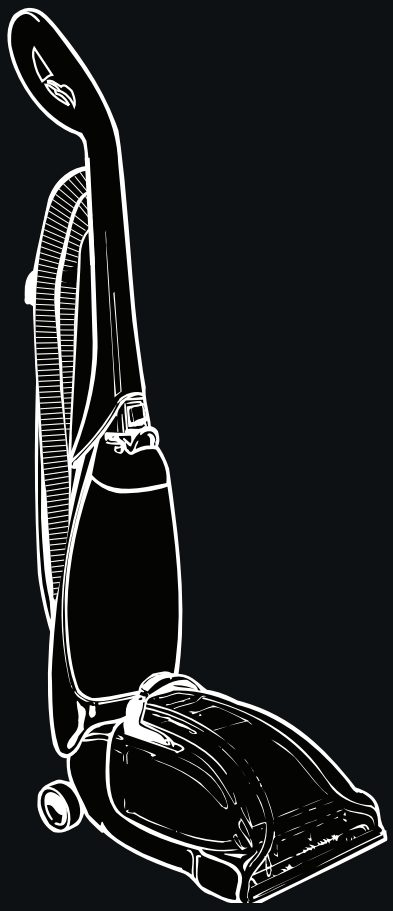


Get cleaning...

What's your Vax model number? (Located on the flap of the packaging)

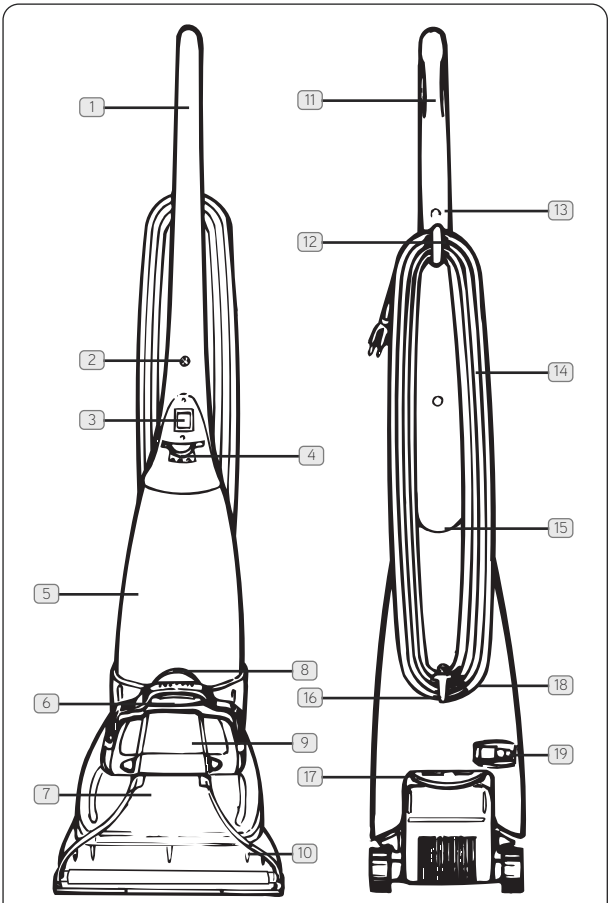
e.g. VRS17W

What's your serial number? (Located on the base of the machine)

Note these down in case you need them in future. Please keep instructions for further use.

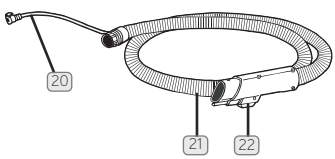
Machine Overview

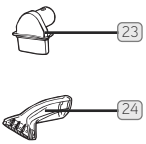
1. Handle
2. Handle screw
3. On/off switch
4. Clean water tank release
5. Clean water tank
6. Dirty water tank handle
7. Dirty water tank
8. Dirty water tank release
9. Dirty water tank lid
10. Static brushbar
11. Solution release trigger
12. Cord wrap
13. Upper hose wrap
14. Power cord
15. Carry handle
16. Cord release clip
17. Handle release pedal
18. Lower hose/tool caddy
19. Solution supply socket
20. Solution tube plug
21. Hose
22. Solution spray trigger
23. Hose adaptor
24. Wash tool
25. Vax carpet cleaning solution
26. Float chamber filter

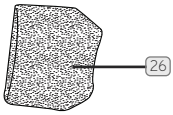


Unit

Accessories







General Safety Information

This carpet washer is intended for household use only and NOT for commercial or industrial use.

PLEASE KEEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR FURTHER USE.

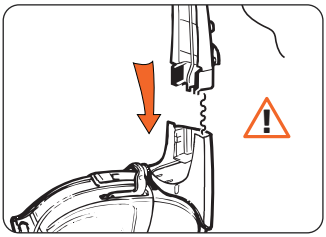
When using the carpet washer, basic safety precautions should always be observed, including the following:

1. Do not leave the carpet washer unattended when plugged in. Unplug the appliance from the socket when not in use.
2. Only use the carpet washer indoors on dry surfaces.
3. Turn off all controls on the carpet washer before disconnecting or connecting from the mains supply.
4. Always unplug the carpet washer before connecting or disconnecting the vacuum hose and accessories.
5. Always unplug the carpet washer before carrying out any maintenance.
6. Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.
7. This appliance is not intended for use by children under eight years of age and persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance in a safe way and understands the hazards involved.
8. Cleaning and maintenance shall not be made by children without supervision.
9. The appliance should only be used as described in the quick start guide or in the full online user guide.
10. Only Vax recommended attachments should be used with this appliance.
11. Do not use this carpet washer if it has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors or dropped into water. Do not use this carpet washer with a damaged cord or plug. If the supply cord is damaged return the carpet washer to a Vax authorised Service Agent or a suitably qualified person for examination, repair or adjustment.
12. Do not pull or carry this appliance by the cord. Do not use the cord as a handle, close a door on the cord or pull the cord around sharp edges or corners. Do not run the carpet washer over the cord. Keep the cord away from heated surfaces.
13. Do not handle the plug or the carpet washer with wet hands.
14. Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers and all parts of the body away from openings and moving parts.
15. Do not pick up with the machine any hot coals, cigarette butts, matches or any hot, smoking or burning objects.
16. Do not pick up with the machine any flammable or combustible materials (lighter fluid, petrol, kerosene etc.) or use the machine in the presence of explosive liquids or vapours.
17. Do not use the machine on areas where there may be harmful or toxic material (chlorine, bleach, ammonia, drain cleaner etc.)
18. Store the carpet washer in a cool, dry area.
19. Do not use an extension cord with this machine.
20. Do not carry the appliance while the motor is still running.
21. To prevent dirty water from running into the motor, do not hold the appliance upside-down or lay it on its side. Use the appliance in a normal cleaning position.
22. Do not use without all water tanks and solution tanks in place.
23. Do not use the carpet washer unless the carpets have been dry vacuumed thoroughly first.
24. Keep the unit on the floor.
25. Do not put any objects into openings. Do not use with any openings blocked and do not restrict airflow. Keep all openings free of dust, lint, hair or anything that might reduce airflow.
26. Do not attempt to remove blockages with sharp objects as they may cause damage.
27. Using improper voltage may result in damage to the motor and possible injury to the user. The correct voltage is listed on the rating label.
28. Do not use without all of the filters in place.
29. Take extra care when cleaning on the stairs.
30. Keep the area you are cleaning well lit.
31. Do not unplug the machine by pulling on the cord.

WARNING: Always switch off and unplug the carpet washer from the electrical outlet before assembling, filling and emptying the clean water tank, emptying the dirt water tank, or before connecting/disconnecting the attachments.
IMPORTANT: Carpets should be dry vacuumed thoroughly before washing.
CAUTION: The carpet washer is a very powerful unit. Before plugging the cord into the electrical outlet, make sure all controls on the unit are turned off. Hold the carpet washer firmly when starting and in use.
IMPORTANT: If the hose or tools are blocked, switch off the carpet washer and remove the blockage(s) before re-starting your machine.
IMPORTANT: Cleaning filters maintains cleaning performance. Vax recommends that your filters should be checked and cleaned periodically. If your filters are washable make sure that they are completely dry before inserting them back into the vacuum cleaner.
IMPORTANT: The motor is equipped with a thermal cut-out. If for any reason the unit should overheat, the thermostat will automatically turn the unit off. Should this occur, unplug the carpet washer from the electrical outlet and turn off the switch. Check the hose for blockages. Clean the filters. Allow the unit to cool for approximately one hour (if you have cleaned the filters you will need to wait twenty four hours for the filters to dry before putting them back in the machine). To re-start the machine, plug it into an electrical socket and switch back on.

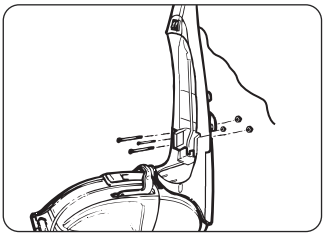
Operation

Assembling your carpet washer

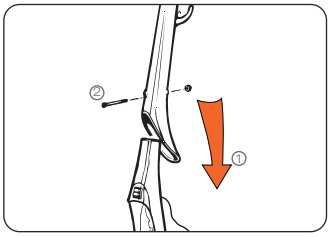


Attach upper handle

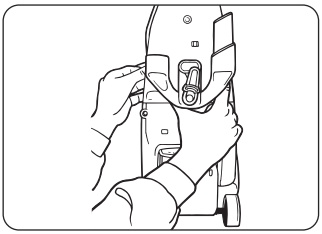
Stand the base in the upright position. Assemble the mid section onto the base, taking care not to trap internal mains wire.



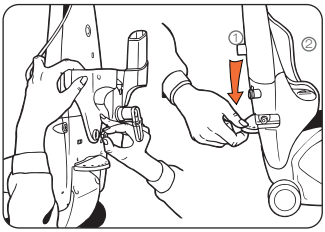
Insert the two nuts into the recesses located on the left and right sides of the base. While holding the nuts in place, insert the two medium length screws through the front of the mid section and tighten.



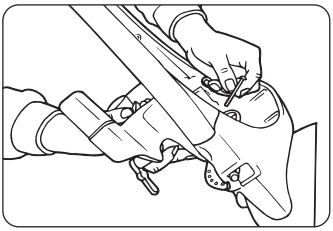
Hold the nut in place, insert the long screw through the front of the upper handle and tighten.



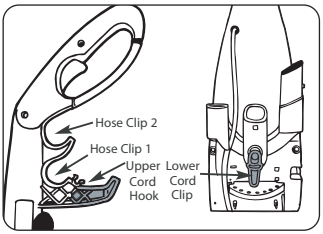
Align tabs on hose/tool caddy with slots on midsection and snap into place.



Place nut into recess on hose/tool caddy and hold into place. Press handle release with your other hand to tilt the midsection backwards.



Place screw through centre of lower midsection and tighten.



Hose/Tool Caddy Use

Wrap the cord around the hook and cord release clips

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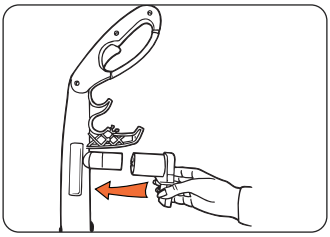
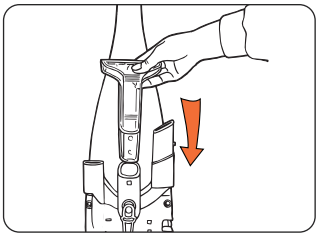
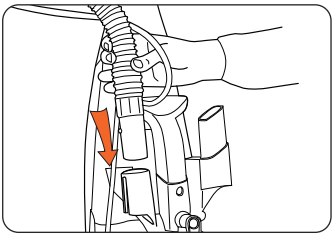


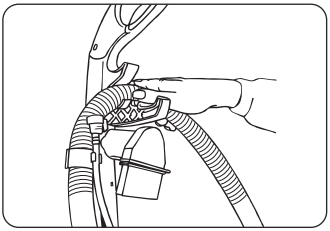
Detach the hose adaptor from the end of the hose and slide it onto the adaptor post.



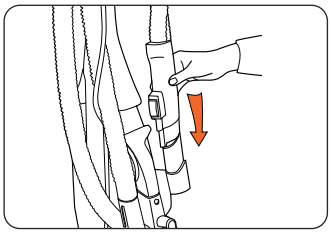
Fit the wash tool into the middle slot of the hose/tool caddy.



Clip the adaptor end of the hose into the left slot on the hose/tool caddy. Be sure to line the push-pin with the slot and slide down until secured.



Wrap hose round the upper hose wrap, anti-clockwise, twice, ensuring the hose is secured in the hose clips.



Lock the attachment end of the hose into place by clipping into the right slot on the lower tool caddy.

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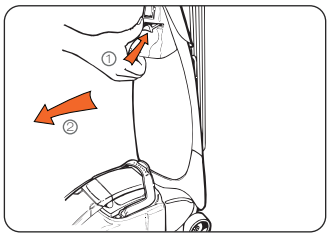
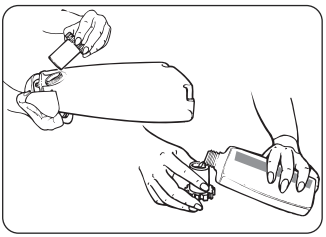
Filling the clean water tank

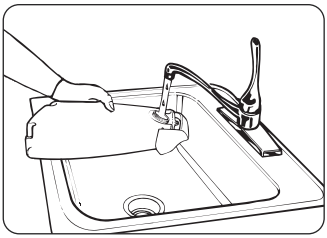
IMPORTANT: Turn off when emptying and filling the clean water tank.



Remove clean water tank from the carpet washer.



Unscrew the filler/measure cap from the rear of the clean water tank. Fill the bottle cap or measure cap 3 times with Vax carpet cleaning solution and pour into the tank.



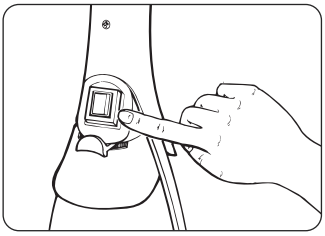
Fill the remainder of the clean water tank with warm (max 40˚C) tap water. Replace the cap.

NOTE: Use only Vax carpet cleaning solution, as other cleaning solutions may cause excessive foaming. This may cause the float to shut off the cleaner prematurely. Using other cleaning solutions will invalidate your guarantee.

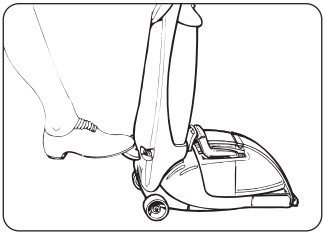
Place the bottom of the clean water tank into the cleaner and push into place. There will be an audible click when the clean water tank is in the correct position.

Operating the carpet washer

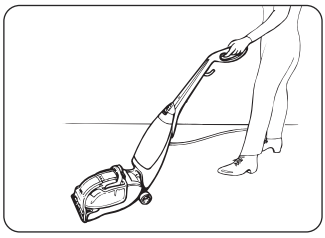
IMPORTANT: Never leave the cleaner unattended with the power on. Vacuum carpets thoroughly with dry vacuum cleaner before washing. When the dirty water reaches the max fill line on the dirty water tank, empty the tank.



Plug the cord into a mains electricity socket. Turn the power on. The switch is located on the front of the carpet washer, above the clean water tank.



Press on the handle release pedal and pull the cleaner back into a reclined position.

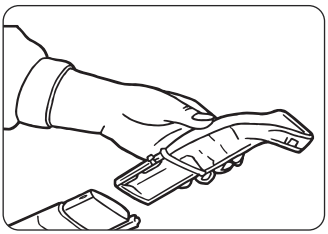


While pressing the solution release trigger, push the cleaner in a forward motion. Release the trigger and pull the cleaner backwards over the same path to remove the dirty water and solution from the carpet. Repeat if necessary.

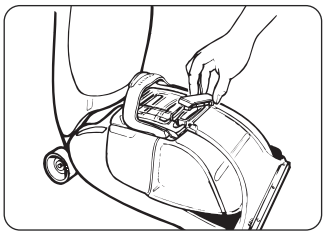
Operation

Hose attachments

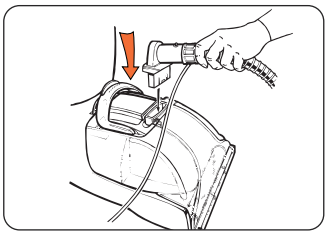
NOTE: DO NOT OVERSATURATE YOUR UPHOLSTERY. For best results use steady, moderate, forward and backward motion. Make sure upholstery is dry before use.



Put cleaner in its upright position. Remove tools from storage caddy. Assemble as shown. Connect the upholstery attachment to the trigger adapter.

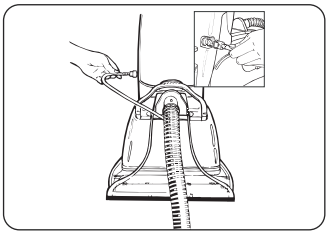


Remove the tank door from the top of the dirty water tank.

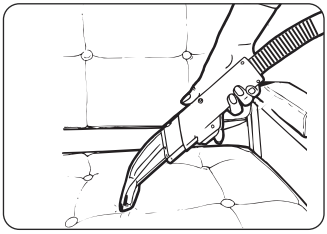


Insert the hose adapter into the top of the dirty water tank.

Using the wash tool



Connect the hose water supply plug into the socket on the lower left side of the cleaner.



Turn power switch on.
While depressing the solution spray trigger, push attachment in forward motion.

Release trigger and pull attachment backwards over the same path to remove dirty water and solution from upholstery. (For heavily soiled areas, repeat if necessary).

Storing the wash tool

Place hose and wash tool into their storing locations. Store for next use.

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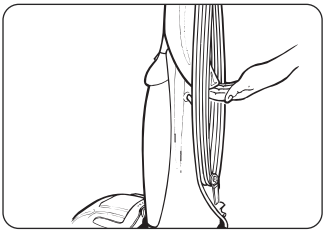
Carry Handle



Grasp the handle on the back of the unit to move unit from room to room.

NOTE: Do not transport the carpet washer with either the clean or dirty water tanks full.

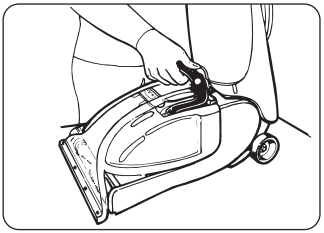
NOTE: If the hose attachment door is not replaced, there will be no suction through the nozzle and the unit will not operate properly.

Emptying the dirty water tank

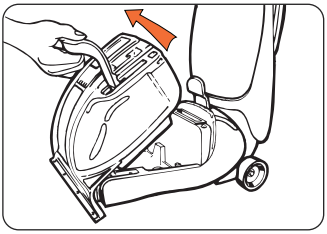
NOTE: The float in your machine is the orange piece in the dirty water tank lid, which will shut off the suction when the dirty water tank is full. For best results, use a smooth steady motion, keeping the nozzle flat against the carpet. Tipping the cleaner and breaking the seal of the nozzle against the carpet will cause the float to rise cutting off suction. Once the float is activated, empty the dirty water tank. If the tank does not appear full, turn off the power switch and wait for the float to settle. For best results use only Vax carpet cleaning solution.

You will hear a distinct change in the noise coming from your carpet washer when the tank is full and needs emptying.

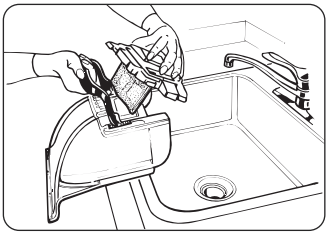
IMPORTANT: Unplug your cleaner before emptying the dirty water tank.



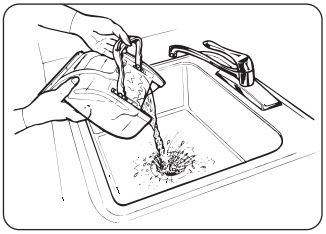
Grasp the top of the dirty water tank handle and press the release latch.



Pull the dirty water tank up out of the base, taking care to ensure that no dirty water leaks from the front.



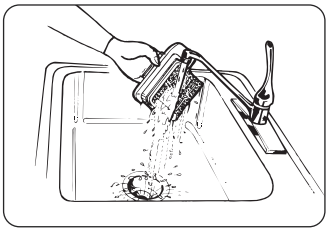
Remove dirty water tank lid.



To empty the water tank grasp the handle with one hand and the nozzle with the other and empty into the sink.

Operation

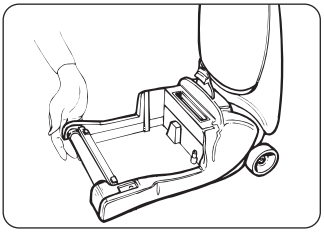
Cleaning the dirty water tank



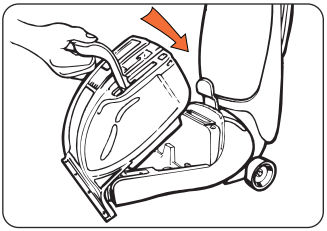
Rinse the dirty water tank and filter thoroughly with warm water. You should allow them to dry fully before replacing them on your cleaner to prevent mildew.

NOTE: Do not use any chemicals in the cleaning process.

Replacing the dirty water tank

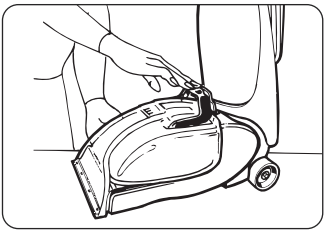


Lift the front of the carpet cleaner base off the carpet with one hand.



Grasp the handle and hook the front of the dirty water cleaner into the base, making sure that the front of the dirty water tank is resting on the base.

The dirty water tank has three tabs on the underside which MUST latch on to the underside of the base of the cleaner. The base must be lifted so that the nozzle is flush with the base of the cleaner.



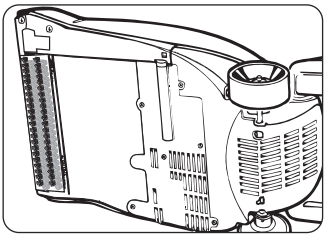
While making sure the dirty water tank is resting on the base, place the rear of the tank into the base of the cleaner, push down on the handle until it latches Empty and rinse clean the water tank after use.

NOTE: Failure to install the dirty water tank correctly will result in poor dirty water pick up.

Maintenance (Keep your Vax as good as new)

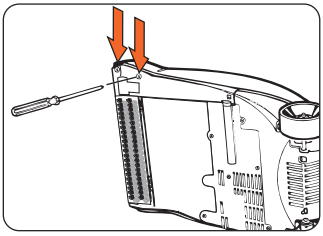
Brush removal and replacement

NOTE: Crosshead screwdriver required.
NOTE: The plug must be removed from electrical socket before cleaning or maintaining the appliance.

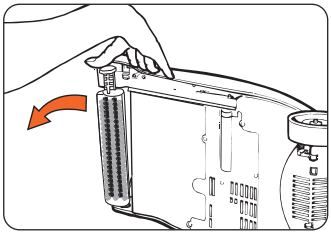


Remove the water tank switch off and unplug carpet washer.

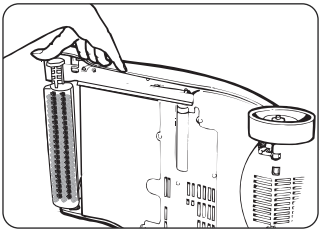
Flip the cleaner on its side to expose the nozzle base.



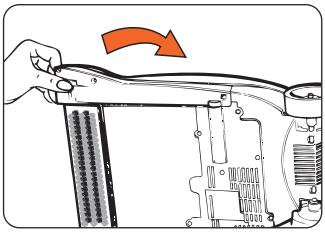
To remove the brush access cover, use a crosshead screwdriver to remove the two screws.



Lift out the static brushbar.

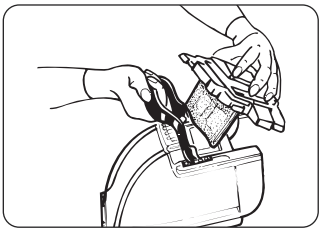


Replace static brushbar.

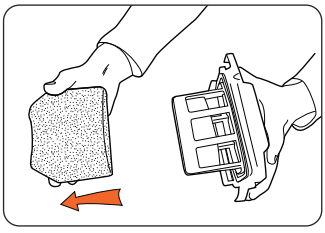


Replace the brush access cover by inserting the end furthest from the brush first. Then replace the front end before securing in place with the two screws.

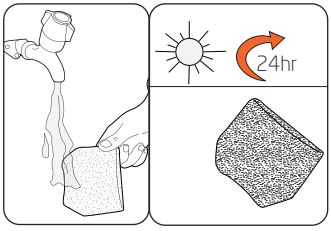
Filter maintenance



Remove dirty water tank lid.



Separate the foam filter from the float.



Rinse the filter in water (40˚C max) Allow the filter to air dry completely before storing your machine.

FAQs

WARNING: to reduce the risk of personal injury, unplug the carpet washer before performing maintenance/troubleshooting checks.

Why won't the cleaner run?

- It may not be plugged into the electrical socket correctly; ensure that the plug is pushed in securely.
- The electrical socket may not be working properly; check the fuse or breaker, or consult an electrician.
- The on/off switch may not be turned on. Push on/off switch to "on".
- There may be a blown fuse or tripper breaker. Reset the circuit breaker or replace fuse.

Why won't the cleaner pick up?

- The dirty water tank may be full. Switch off and unplug cleaner. Empty dirty water tank as shown on page 8.
- The dirty water tank is not installed correctly. Refer to page 9 for fitting information.
- There may be an obstruction in the hose/wash tool. Remove hose and clear obstruction.
- The brushbar is worn. Replace the brushbar. See page 10.

Why is dust escaping from the cleaner?

- The dirty water tank may be full. Switch off and unplug cleaner. Empty dirty water tank as shown on page 8.
- The dirty water tank is not installed correctly. Refer to page 9 for fitting information.
- The solution tank may not be installed correctly. Make sure the tank is locked securely in place.

Why won't the clean water/solution dispense?

- The clean water tank may not be installed correctly. Make sure the tank is locked securely in place.
- The clean water tank is empty. Refill tank. Refer to page 6 for instructions.

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Wattage:	600W
Capacity:	Clean water tank – 3.5L Dirty water tank – 2L
Cord length:	7.6m
Weight:	6.0kg

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